be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce any modification in the Coastal Zone Management Plan as requested by the Government of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) An Expert Committee has been constituted to examine the representation of Government of Kerala regarding implementation of provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification. The Ministry would take a decision upon receipt of the report of the Expert Committee.

[Translation]

Sale of Agricultural Inputs

583. *SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :*

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a central cell to check the sale of substandard agricultural inputs to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Standard specifications for various fertilisers to regulate quality have been specified under Fertiliser Control Orders '85, (FCO '85) issued under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (ECA '55). Fertilisers Conforming to prescribed standards are only allowed to be sold to the farmers. Enforcement of the FCO '85 has been entrusted to State Governments. Fertiliser Inspectors have been appointed by Central and State Governments to draw samples of fertilisers and get analysed in the fertiliser quality control laboratories set up by Central and State Governments. State Governments are empowered to take legal action against offenders as per provisions of the FCO '85/ECA '55.

As regards seeds, the Seeds Act, 1966 and Seed (Control) Order, 1983 are having sufficient provisions to check the supply of substandard seeds to the farmers. Implementation of Seeds Act and Seed (Control) Order, 1983 is vested with the State Governments and UTs for which Seed Inspectors are notified by the State Governments.

For monitoring the quality of pesticides, the Central Government prescribes various parameters while granting registration under the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the rules framed thereunder. The States/UTs have notified four important functionaries viz. Licencing Officer, Appellate Authority, Insecticides Analysis and Insecticides Inspectors for implementing the various provisions of the Act. The notified Insecticides Inspectors draw samples from the manufacturing units and distribution/sale points and get them analysed in the Pesticides Testing Laboratories by the notified Insecticides Analysts.

National Minorities Finance Corporation

584. *SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :*

(a) the amount allotted to National Minorities Finance Corporation (NMFC) by the Government till date,

(b) the details of the amount given to each State by the NMFC;

(c) the State-wise details of the amount distributed out of this by the Minorities Corporation of the respective States;

(d) whether Government are aware that the loan procedure of the Corporation for the selection of beneficiaries has given pay to corruption; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent the same ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Out of the Rs. 500 Crores authorised Equity Share Capital of the Corporation, of which 25% and 75% comprises of the Share Capital contribution by the Centre and States respectively. The following amount has been subscribed by the Central and the State Governments :

		(Rs. in crores)
I.	Govt. of India	107.00
II.	Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	7.00
	Govt. of Bihar	5.00
	Govt. of Andhra Pradesh	1.00
	Govt. of Karnataka	1.00
	Govt. of Kerala	1.00
	Govt. of Himachal Pradesh	0.06
		15.06